FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form: Petition for Protection or Care of an Unborn Child - Chapter 48

Form Number: JC-1612

Statutory Reference: §§48.133 and 48.255(1m)

Benchbook Reference: JV 2

Purpose of Form: To petition for protection or care of an unborn child.

Who Completes It: District attorney, corporation counsel, counsel/GAL of expectant mother

or GAL of unborn child.

Distribution of Form: Original to Court. Copies to expectant mother, parents of child expectant

mother, guardian/legal custodian/physical custodian/GAL of expectant mother, GAL of unborn child, Indian tribe (if applicable and known).

Accompanying Forms: Generally none.

New Form/Modification: Modification, last update 10/07.

Modifications: Added Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) language and references.

Comments: 1997 Act 292 (Effective July 1, 1998) created §48.133, Wis. Statutes.

This section gives the court jurisdiction over both an expectant mother and an unborn child if the unborn child is alleged to be in need of protection or

services under that statute.

Jurisdiction exists if it is alleged:

• the expectant mother habitually lacks self-control in the use of alcohol beverages, controlled substances or controlled substance analogs, and,

• the lack of self-control is exhibited to a severe degree, and,

there is a substantial risk that the physical health of the child, both before and after birth, will be seriously affected or endangered unless the expectant mother receives prompt and adequate

treatment for her lack of self-control.

The expectant mother can be either an adult or a juvenile for this section to

apply.

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If you have additional information that does not change the meaning of the form, attach it on a separate page. The form itself shall not be

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